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PRESS RELEASE FROM THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN

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FAR NORTH SEISMIC SURVEY

The Premier, Mr. Dunstan, announced today that the Mines Department seismic party has commenced a new survey in the Oodnadatta area in the far north of the State.

Mr. Dunstan, who is also Mines Minister, said that the Department was playing an important continuing role in petroleum exploration of the State especially in providing basic data on the nature and structure of potential petroleum sediments.

"In the present survey the team will be operating south and west of Oodnadatta to trace the underground extent of a particular rock formation, evaluation of which is of special importance in defining possible petroleum structures.

"The ten-man team is completely mobile and self contained.

"This year a special explosives technique will be used.

Instead of firing explosives at the bottom of drill holes to record data, a special explosive is laid in a shallow trench. This method is somewhat experimental but, if successful, offers considerable savings in time and cost.

"It is expected that the project will be completed in two months," Mr. Dunstan said.